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Town of Vernon  
Conservation Commission Meeting  
Minutes  
Monday, October 21, 2013  
7:00 P.M.  
Council Chambers, 3rd Floor, 14 Park Place  
Rockville/Vernon, CT

**1. Call to Order & roll call**

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.

Regular Members Present: Thomas Ouellette, C. Ryan Goad, Logan Senack, H. Russell Kunz and Melissa Kracke.

Alternative Member present: None

Staff Present: Shaun Gately, Economic Development Coordinator

Recording Secretary: Peggy Jackle

**2. Administrative Actions**

**A. Acceptance of Minutes of August 19, 2013 and September 16, 2013**

A motion made by Commissioner C. Ryan Goad and seconded by Commissioner Logan Senack to approve the minutes of the August 19, 2013 and September 16, 2013 meetings as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

**August 19, 2013 Minutes**

- Page 2. Agenda Item 2. Administrative Actions (Continued) to read Item # 4
- Page 2. Bullet 3A -8<sup>th</sup> Bullet – To read “Owner of private trees will receive.”
- Page 2. Bullet 4C – 2<sup>nd</sup> Bullet – To read “Tucker Brook is a wildlife corridor.”
- Page 3. Bullet 3 – Agenda 3. Continuing Business to read Agenda 5.
- Page 3. Bullet “5” B. b., Tankerhoosen River Survey 2<sup>nd</sup> bullet to read “River Walk will identify possible invasive species.”
- Page 4. Bullet 4 to read Bullet 6
- Page 4. Bullet 5 to read Bullet 7
- Page 4. Bullet “7”, 1<sup>st</sup> bullet to read “Discussion took place relative to the transformer oil spill and PCB’s leak at the Amerbelle building.”
- Page 4. Bullet 7, 2<sup>nd</sup> bullet to read “Bayberry bramble needs to be removed for easier access.”
- Page 4. Bullet 6 to read Bullet 8.

**September 16, 2013 Minutes**

Page 3. Bullet 6 Adjournment to read “Motion made by Commissioner Logan Senack and seconded by Commissioner C. Ryan Goad.”

**B. Communications**

No report

**C. Application related Correspondences: IWC & PZC applications:**

Application (IWC-2013-05) of Andre Charbonneau for a wetlands redesignation and a wetlands permit to construct a single family dwelling and install a culvert for a driveway crossing of a wetland on property at 133 Washington Street (Assessor's ID: Map # 11, Block # 0155, Lot/Parcel 09A10 & # 01B24).

- Commission discussed the revised application and the NCCE's assessment
- The site would be closer to wetlands
- NCCE recommended relocating the structure to a more southerly site.
- The application (IWC-2013-05) is going to the Inland Wetlands Commission for their review.

**D. Letters sent by Conservation Commission last month**

- No report

**E. Organizational considerations**

- No report

**3. Continuing Business**

**A. Invasive Aquatic Plant management**

**a. Lakes management**

- A spot check of fanwort was conducted in lower Bolton Lake but was too late to spot treat for milfoil in middle Bolton Lake. Thomas Ouellette will confer with Bruce Dinnie and George Knoecklein regarding the treatment plan for next year.

**B. Bolton Lakes Issues**

- The Commission received notification that the Lower Bolton Lake would be drawing down this week.

**C. Bolton Lakes ERT Report**

- The Commission has not received the ERT report.
- There will be a meeting the beginning of November to discuss the assessment of milfoil and the concern of selling properties in the upper Bolton Lake area and the commissions will research if the Land Trust can assist.

**D. Inter-town Collaboration**

- Commissioner Logan Senack reported that he has made contact with Manchester and they are interested in collaborating with Vernon.
- Commission has been charged to think of proposals for the inter-town collaboration.

**E. Open Space Program**

- No report

**F. Website Revision**

- Although there has been an effort to revamp the website, it has not been updated as of the meeting.

**G. Tulip Tree Trail maintenance**

- The Japanese Barberry removal went well.
- Appalachian Mountain Club will be taking a six (6) mile hike next week.

**H. Rapid Bioassessment (RBV)**

- The September 28<sup>th</sup> event was successful with twenty-one (21) people volunteering.
- Chairman Tom Ouellette thanked Commissioner Melissa Kracke for contacting all the schools.

**I. UConn/CT Water Co. Diversion**

- There is no application for a diversion permit for Snipsic Lake; still pending

**4. New Business**

**CT Stream Flow Regulations**

- Chairman Tom Ouellette reported he will be attending a meeting next week at the Legislative building to talk about the Connecticut Stream flow regulations.
- He will update commission at next month's meeting.

**Firewood Quarantine**

- Commissioner C. Ryan Goad reported that there is firewood quarantine for EAB( Emerald Ash Borer) for counties in western Connecticut.

**5. Other Goals**

- No report

**6. Adjournment**

- A motion was made by Commissioner H. Russell Kunz and seconded by Commissioner C. Ryan Goad to adjourn the meeting . Motion carried unanimously.
- Meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Peggy A. Jackle*  
Recording Secretary

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